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SUBJ: US DELEGATION TO AHMED FUNERAL - FIRST DAY

1. PRESIDENT'S MOTHER AND PARTY ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE
IN NEW DELHI AT 0400 LOCAL, FEBRUARY 13. LARGE
PRESS CONTIGENT ON HAND AND OFFICIAL GREETERS HEADED
BY INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY, JAGAT MEHTA, AND MINISTER
FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES, MIR QASIM. AFTER MRS CARTER
GAVE ARRIVAL STATEMENT, PARTY DEPARTED FOR CHARGE'S
RESIDENCE.

2. IN LATE MORNING, OFFICIAL DELEGATION WENT TO
PRESIDENT'S PALACE (RASHTRAPATHI BHAVAN) TO PAY THEIR
LAST RESPECTS TO AHMED AND LAY A WREATH.

3. AT 1:00PM, DELEGATION, ACCCOMPANIED BY CHARGE,
PAID COURTESY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN. HE
EXPRESSED GREAT PLEASURE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD
DECIDED TO SEND HIS MOTHER TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL
SERVICE. THIS REFLECTED THE PRESIDENT'S CONCERN FOR
INDIA. MRS CARTER STRESSED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD
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WARM REGARD FOR INDIA.

4. AFTER PRIVATE LUNCH AT CHARGE'S, DELEGATION
ATTENDED ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR FUNERAL SERVICE AT
PARLIAMENT STREET MOSQUE.

5. AT 6:00PM, MRS CARTER, CHIP CARTER AND CHARGE

PAID FRIENDLY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI,
REPORTED SEPTEL.

6. IN EVENING, DELEGATION ATTENDED RECEPTION FOR
VISITING GUESTS, HOSTED BY ACTING INDIAN PRESIDENT
JATTI. FOLLOWING THIS, MRS CARTER HAD PRIVATE
DINNER AT CHARGE'S.

7. THE US DELEGATION WAS ACCORDED SPECIAL ATTENTION
BY THE GOI THROUGHOUT THE DAY. MINISTERS, OFFICIALS
AND THE MEDIA FOCUSED THEIR ATTENTION ON THE US
DELEGATION, OBVIOUSLY HOPING THAT ITS COMPOSITION
FORECAST BETTER RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE.

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